SISTERS' ENDEAVOR DEPARTMENT.

The Sisters' Christian Endeavor of the Brethren Church is a regularly incorporated body with qualified trustees. Churches and property may be deeded to them, bequests and donations made, with full assurance that all will be appropriated in developing New Testament Christianity. Remember the Society in your wills.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

Mary M. Sterling, Pres., Masontown, Pa., Mary E. Garber, Rec. Sec'y., Ashland, O., Bessie W. Perry, Cor. Secretary, North Manchester, Ind., Sarah Keim, Treasurer, Louisville, Ohio.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Address Mary M. Sterling for information about organization, charters and methods.

Address Mary E. Garber, in making reports of election of officers, and any information intended to go on the general record of the society.

Address Bessie W. Perry in making reports for publication, and in general correspondence.

Address Sarah Keim in remitting the dues belonging to the general society. Send money by post office money order, registered letter or drafts.

To the S. S. C. E.

Greeting:—My Dear Sisters you have embarked in a grand and noble work. A work with which every true child of God should be in sympathy, a work which should be pushed forward until, the latent forces of our sisterhood which have so long lain dormant, would be brought out and utilized. A great many of our sisters are energetic and active workers in the vinyard of the Lord, and have, and still are accomplishing a great deal of good in his great and excellent name.

While a great many of them are inactive they are no doubt willing to work. Nay, I will say: they are anxious to work, but they need encouragement, they need your sympathies, they need your encouragement in such a way that they may be made to feel its worth. All of our churches ought by all means to be visited. They ought to be visited in the interest of the S. S. C. E. There are a few societies organized but not near so many as there ought to be. There ought to be at least one in every church in the Brotherhood. Your self-sacrificing, President, sister M. M. Sterling, who has labored so earnestly in the past for the upbuilding of the society feels that much more could be accomplished in building up the societies, and forming new ones, if she could personally visit all of the churches. I agree with our sister, and I further believe that the sooner this is done the better. Sister Sterling is perfectly willing to contribute her time but lacks the means of defraying her expenses.

1st. I will say that I will send by this day's mail one dollar to sister Sarah Kiem, Treasurer of S. S. C. E., Louisville, Ohio, for the purpose of assisting sister Sterling in her arduous labors, and hope that every other brother and sister will feel to contribute something. Send your donations to sister Sarah Kiem. Louisville, Ohio, who will report it through the EVANGELIST and forward your amounts to sister Sterling.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

Select Notes.

BY J. B. LAIR.

Well brother Editor, how do you stand fire? you have probably occupied the editorial chair long enough to be hardened by the regular editorial assaults, I question very much whether the standard of the EVANGELIST, is as high as is possible to attain to. But I had thought that it was a very good average, and if I do not err in my judgments, it is just about as good and as pure, and as acceptable as its predecessors were.

It is true there have been some things published that were not very edifying nor instructive, but the same can be said of all other papers, and books with few exceptions, hence we need not stop to criticise the EVANGELIST, alone. If we will just cover all the defects of the paper with the clock of charity, just like we do the short comings of other publications and of people, we will not have much ground for complaints. We need variety in the paper, as well as in every thing else, for the reason that there are just as many tastes as there are people in the world. The Creator, recognized the necessity of variety—And the universe proves the fact.

I venture the prediction that you could not kill the paper quicker than to make it strictly a doctrinal paper. Doctrine is all right and ought to be taught, and especially to those who do not know Bible doctrine, but to limit the publication to doctrine alone, would assure its failure, or any other paper for that matter. And if I am not allowed to expose an error occasionally, I want to know why. Paul tells Timothy, and all of us to "shun not to declare the whole council of God." and if in declaring the "whole council" it exposes error, let it be exposed, and if we dare not do that, let the passage be eliminated from the Bible.

There are subjects in the Bible that to my mind, are much neglected, but there seems to be none who feel like encountering them. If all that is written in Moses and the Prophets, and the Psalms concerning Christ, are to be fulfilled as Luke says they are, I wish to remark that there is much to learn yet. But some reason this way What of it all! Just so we live right and are saved we will enjoy it any way. But such reasoning is tantamount to saying that "ignorance is bliss." I hope that the time is not far distant that we shall drink deeper of that never failing fountain of GOOD, and then I am very sure that we will exercise more CHARITY as it becometh us to do.

In Rev. 6: 4. we read "And there went out another horse, that was red, and power was given to him that sat there on to take peace from the earth."

This term certainly does not mean the whole earth, for at that period, America, and Australia, were unknown to man and besides that the second seal was opened and fulfilled, before the close of the second century, and it was only to take away the "Peace" of the "First seal" and that embraced the Roman Empire only.

This occured during the last decade of the second century, and possibly embracing a few years of the third. This is the period when "they were to slay one another," for Severus one of the Roman generals, conspired against Julius, who had bought the Throne for money, and after desposing him subdued the other two generals, Albinus and Niger, conquered their armies. and slew them, and desposed, and slew the Roman senate. This was one of the bloodiest periods of the world, and might well be represented by the "red horse." Any person being acquainted with the history of the world, will see that the occurances of the period named above will answer in every particular to the opening of the "second seal."

—We that live in this age of the world have much reason to be thankful for the light and liberty that we enjoy. The ignorance superstition and blind zeal, the former ages, are wonders to us, and we are horrified at the deeds of the past, I mean the world is, and we stand aghast at the horrible spectacle of blood and carnage of the dark ages. And yet I dare to say that the world has carried down, and is maturing in its bosom today, the same principles that caused all the dark deeds of the past.

It is an aggregation of self aggrandizement—man rule in the name of the Lord, with human right to save or condemn—a monopolization of heaven and hell. And this same aggregation is a perfect embodiment of all opposition to Divine Truth. It would keep the WORD of God from the people that it might the more effectually exercise its human authority, in the name of the Lord.

And with our knowledge of the facts in the case, we are too modest to raise a protest. We think it would not do, it would seem uncharitable—How we would have protsted if we would have lived in the days of persecution, wouldn't we, Shame!

Here it is a monster before us, and we don't open our mouths, I know it, and we all know it—it is the same "old dragon," the same "mother of harlots," give it power and it will repeat the history, and what are we doing to stop its progress NOTHING.

Worst of all, their are few, very few churches that have not taken up and held fast some of its principles. They can not get away from it. Self aggrandizement is so dear to man that they must cling to it still, if even they do know that it shed oceans of blood—Christian blood—and has opposed the progress of the Bible from the days of Christ to this present day, Aug 26th. 1888.

—Amid the pressure of business some people neglect their religious duties—few indeed are so enthusiastic over their religion that they neglect their financial affairs,—"Where their treasure is their will their heart also be."

If one must be neglected. Which? When we can not do all, we generally neglect that of the least importance. Then it is plain, that those who neglect religion for finances, consider religion of least importance. which shall it be, a home here, for a few days—or a home in the eternal world Everlastingly?

Points From a Sermon.

BY C. FORNEY.

At a grove meeting recently, the speaker said, the will of a child could not be broken, but could be trained to yield, and to yield was obedience.

The more a man yielded the more he obeyed, To be faithful we must do all we can, and the man that does but little is just as faithful as the man that does much, if he does all he can. I considered this excellent instruction if properly applied.

In the further exercises, I was strongly impressed with the conviction that some of the obedience called faithfulness to God looked far more like faithfulness to some body's construction of the will of God, instead of the will of God itself as revealed to us in the Gospel. To do all we can does not mean that God teaches so many things that are unnecessary for us to do.

"To be a child of God is to form a part of the company of which Christ is chief." I was much pleased with this illustration and wish that every Christian could see the full force of this lesson We are laborers together with God. This places every Christian in a business relation with God and makes him responsible, not only, for what he does but the amount he does

He further said, "Every member of this firm must be honest." Nothing could be more true. A man must be honest with himself, honest with his neighbor and honest with his God. To rob God of his just amount of service and respect, is criminal in the highest degree.

I wonder whether it is possible to be fully honest, and willingly and knowingly neglect some of the plainest commands and examples given by God?

Just before dinner five applicants for baptism knelt at the altar and the Elder sprinkled them some by two actions, saying "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Why not say I sprinkle instead of baptize and have the words agree with the action? Again I am made to wonder how Paul could say of those who are sprinkled "Ye were buried with Christ in baptism." Rom. 6.

The Wasted Years.

What a remarkable promise that is of the Lord to His repentant deople: "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the canker worm, the caterpillar, and the palmer worm." The past years of unfruitfulness may be restored.

Christian, it may be that with you the sun is going down. You have but one life to live. Count up the years of your Christian life that the locust of worldliness, and the canker worm of the care of the world, and the caterpillar of sinful pleasure, and the palmer worm of secret sin have devoured and made unfruitful! How dreary the record! Can they be restored to you? There's the promise. Claim it. Fly to Christ. Henceforth know nothing among men but Him crucified.

Die unto the world. Live unto righteousness. Pray for the restoration of these devoured years. It may be that even you may reap a harvest that will gladden your heart through all eternity. There is no time for anything else.—CHAPLAIN C. C. MCCABE.

MARRIEd.

YOUNG.—MOWL.—At the bride's home, Sunday, Aug. 26th by the undersigned, William U. Young to Anna E. Mowl, all of North Manchester, Ind. W. C. PERRY.

OUR DEAD.

TRODE.—On August 16th, John Trode departed this life, in Philadelphia. An obituary with "The Path of Gold" will be published.

MILLER.—In the Stony Creek congregation, Somerset Co., Pa., Aug. 26, 1888, Sister Rebecca Miller, aged 74 years, 3 months and 12 days. Sister Miller lived and died in the hope of a blessed immortality. Her husband preceds her to the spirit land some ten years. She leaves a family of five sons and five daughters, all grown to man and womanhood, to mourn their loss. Funeral services conducted by the writer,

J. H. KNEPPER.

BROWN.—George Nelson Brown died Aug. 14th, and was buried Aug. 15, age 60 years, 7 months and 8 days. Services by A. A. COBER.